



MONTEREY NEWS

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TOWN NEWS

The Monterey selectmen in their role as Board of Health met at 7:00 p.m. on March 5 to discuss Private Well Regulations. Chairman of the selectmen Rick Mielke had several reservations concerning the proposed regulations, including an increase in the setback requirements from 100 to 150 feet. It was unanimously voted that the Board take no action until a public meeting has been held to make citizens more aware of the proposed regulations. For more information about the proposed Private Well Regulations, please see the article in this issue of the *Monterey News* which specifically addresses the situation.

The Board met with Police Chief Doug Lyman and approved an appropriation for a new radar device to be installed in the Town's cruiser. The expenditure of \$970.00 will be taken from the department's operating budget.

The selectmen met with Finance Committee members William Bohn and Barbara Gauthier and Town Clerk Barbara Swann to discuss the question of extending Town-sponsored health insurance coverage to appointed Town officials and part-time employees who work more than 20 hours per week. Barbara Swann pointed out that the General Laws allow for the selectmen to rule on this issue; however, Chairman Mielke stated that it was a decision on which the Townspeople should vote. The Board is seeking Town Counsel's opinion on the matter.

On March 12 the bids were opened for the construction of an exterior wooden handicap access ramp at the Town hall. The low bidder for the project was John R. Dinan, Jr., of Monterey at \$8,454.00. The other bids were \$16,526.75 by Louis Arace Construction Co. of Pittsfield and \$18,200.00 by Souliere & Zepka Construction, Inc., of Adams. The Board asked Robert McMahon, the architect who prepared the ramp design, to meet with John Dinan, the low bidder, to ascertain whether the ramp could be constructed according to the bid specifications at the bid price of \$8,454.00. During the March 19 meeting of the Board of selectmen, it was unanimously voted to accept the bid of John R. Dinan, Jr. Chairman Mielke, citing the conflict of interest he had noted previously, abstained from the vote.

It was unanimously voted by the Board that William Bohn be appointed Procurement Officer. Additionally, the Board indicated that a funding request for the expenses of the office would be included on the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting. It was also unanimously voted that John Humphrey be appointed to the Arts Council.

The following Building Permit Applications were approved: Stuart Edelstein of Spring Valley, New York, for an addition

to his home on Point Road, Lake Garfield; Gerry Curtis for a renovation of his Mt. Hunger Road house and construction of a storage shed; Joan and Robert Calouri of Mt. Vernon, New York, for a renovation of their home on Norwalk Acres Road, in care of Vincent Scutellaro, co-owner/builder; Frank Duke of Lenox, Massachusetts, for a kitchen addition to his



house on Elephant Rock Road; John Camp, for an addition to his Tyringham Road house, including a new roof and a second floor storage area, he must seek Conservation Commission approval; Mr. & Mrs. Murray Bodin of Hartsdale, New York, for a new house off Main Road opposite Lake Garfield, in care of contractor Carolee Jervas. In related matters the Board of Health approved a Well Drilling permit and a Disposal Works Construction permit for Laffey Development Corp. for the Swann Road property of Ken Freeberg. In addition the Board of selectmen approved a Driveway permit and a building permit application for Laffey Development Corp. for the construction of a single-family dwelling on the Swann Road property.

— Maggie Leonard

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 8 with Chairman Joe Baker, Joyce Scheffey, Barbara Tryon, and Wayne Burkhart attending. Chairman Baker read a letter from Stone & Webster Environmental Services requesting a right of way in order to expand a gas line belonging to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. The Board studied maps of subsurface hydrology to ascertain if the proposed expansion would affect any wetlands, and noted an unconfined aquifer and recharge area in the vicinity. It was agreed that the Board would write a letter to Stone & Webster inquiring about the route of the pipeline.

During the February meeting of the Planning Board Matthew Williams and his representatives presented the Board with a plan for the total redevelopment of the Lee Side Lodge property. The plan calls for the complete demolition of all existing buildings and the construction of three units of five attached apartments, increased open space, shoreline improvement, retention of existing water and sewerage facilities and improved parking and landscaping. The issue for the Planning Board is an understanding of the by-law that deals with changing, enlarging or expanding of a nonconforming use. Final approval will come from the Board of Appeals; however, the endorsement of the Planning Board is vital to the project. After viewing and discussing the preliminary sketches, the Board encouraged the applicants to continue their refinement of the plans for future review.

Two Monterey homes were added to the State Register of Historic Places: the Brewer house on Main Road and the Bidwell house on Carrington-Batelle Road.

The following Form A property divisions were approved: Jed Lipsky — lot divided into two parcels on Blue Hill Road; Jed Lipsky — 2.25 acres from Maureen Bradley on Blue Hill Road, not to be a building lot since it has no road frontage; Jed Lipsky — 7 lots on Mt. Hunger Road; Linda and Sally Marsh — Route 23 opposite old Avalon School.

The Planning Board discussed possible changes in the proposed Stream and Pond Protection By-law to go before the Town at the Town Meeting in May. It was unanimously voted that the by-law would refer to only those bodies of water located on a map of Monterey streams and ponds prepared by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission. The Board voted 3 to 1 to retain the proposed 150-foot setback requirement.

— Maggie Leonard

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

At Town Meeting on May 5, the town will be discussing and voting on a proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law entitled "Stream and Pond Protection." This proposal would establish 150-foot setbacks from certain streams and ponds for leaching fields on newly created lots and 75-foot setbacks for new dwellings. The Planning Board held a public hearing on this proposal on March 1; as a result of the comments at the hearing, we have changed the proposed by-law and will be holding another public hearing on Friday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town offices. In the first proposal, the bodies of water to be protected were described in a list of named streams and ponds, followed by "or any other stream or pond, including beaver ponds, as defined in the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act." Many people thought this description was too vague and hard to understand, so we have changed the proposal to read, "... the bodies of water indicated on a map entitled 'Monterey Streams and Ponds,' prepared by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission for the Monterey Planning Board in March 1990. Said map is to be adopted as part of the Zoning By-law and will be permanently on file at the Town office." The map will be displayed (and discussed) at the hearing on April 20. Meanwhile, copies of the complete by-law amendment are available at the Town offices, and the map will be on view.

Our regular meetings for business are held on every second Thursday of the month, 8 p.m., at the Town offices. In recent months we have had interested citizens stop in to take part in our meetings; we welcome this interest and participation, and anyone may come. Some of the things we find ourselves discussing and taking action on are: land division proposals, by-law interpretation questions, sending letters on topics such as private water company regulations or the proposed Tenneco pipeline expansion, by-law changes such as redefinition of the lakeshore district (requested by the selectmen), and cluster zoning regulations.

— Joe Baker





Friday, 4/13

GOOD FRIDAY—noon to 3:00 p.m.
The sanctuary will be open for personal prayer and devotion during a time of silence.

Sunday, 4/15

EASTER MORNING—6:30 a.m. The traditional service at Gould Farm, outdoors on the hillside.

On Sunday, April 22, we'll celebrate the twentieth anniversary of EARTH Day. The speaker will be Dr. Donald Roder, Director of the Berkshire Environmental Research Center. He will talk on "Environmental Ethics: The Next Challenge."

— Cliff Aerie

CHURCH NEWS

Enter April. The first real glimpse of spring . . . showers bring flowers . . . browns turn to greens . . . freshness and vitality permeate the air. April—the season of new life and hope.

April is also the bearer of Easter this year . . . a church celebration of new life and renewed hope. It's a time of resurrection when all the wintry pains and sorrows of life find new possibilities of joy.

Easter is resurrection time—an opportunity for humanity to ponder anew what potential lies beyond the shadows of death and despair. Is there something to be hopeful for?

Each of us has resurrection experiences, some vividly dramatic, others quite mundane. Jonathan T. Carlisle shares one from his book, *Parables of Resurrection*.

You ask me about a resurrection experience, and I told you about a little girl coming north and east for the first time, experiencing the seasons, each in their time and turn. And she said to me in the autumn as the trees dropped their evening shawls, "Are the trees dead?"

"No," I answered, "God has something else in mind for their trunks and arms." The puzzled eyebrows wrinkled briefly and then smoothed calm again, accepting my definition of resurrection.

On Sunday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m., we will celebrate Easter with a service of resurrection. It will be a joyous time of Christian affirmation. Prior to that, our Holy Week events will include:

Sunday, 4/8

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP—10:00 a.m.. We'll share the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and distribute palm branches to all.

Thursday, 4/12

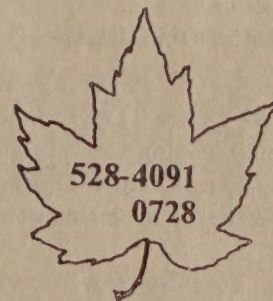
MAUNDY THURSDAY—7:00 p.m. We'll celebrate Holy Communion in its original context within the Jewish passover. We'll share food and ritual using a modified seder to reenact the Last Supper.

NOW COMES THE PASSOVER

*Now comes the season of terrible celebration;
we are commanded to praise
the slaying of the first-born—mild
Grandpa snoring on his stool, he was first
of nine or ten; the hour-old child,
flit joy of his mother, this girl who will not
forgive the goodness of God; the strong father,
shepherd and wheat grower,
it was his bad luck to be eldest brother
and his family's sorrow; the beast
in stalls, lamb in clover.*

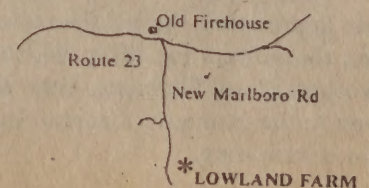
*Sternly we are enjoined to sit at feast,
rehearse with a touch of benign inebriation
the sanguine arithmetic of the anger of the Lord
and his differential mercy: for those whose hearts
he is pleased to harden there waits a seriate doom
which we honor in this lower room
though of course it was in an upper
that Jesus and the disciples fed on the same supper.*

— Jim Michelman



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MARK MENDEL

MARK MENDEL'S BIG POEMS

Mark Mendel, known around town, the southern Berkshires' and northwestern Connecticut for his stonework, fireplaces and chimneys, is a poet as well. In 1974 he began a search for ways to "let text and context lie down together." Words left the page and reappeared as graffiti on the street, stenciled on barns in Maine, Minnesota and Mississippi, in neon, as laser projections, on trailer signs, in sunlight through stone, and in nylon letters towed by planes.

Mark's poem "Sacrifice" (pictured here) flew above the 1989 Superbowl in Miami, a work cosponsored by the Atlantic Center for the Arts.

His latest work, "Replanting the Hand Made Sky," may be seen on the animated Spectacolor lightboard in Times Square, May 1 through 31, 1990. It's sponsored by the New York Public Art Fund with the cooperation of Spectacolor, Inc.

— Peter Murkett

DAFFODILS: APPRECIATION AND REGRETS

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I want to apologize to all those who participated in the Daffodil Day Crusade. Normally, it is a fun project happily leading to everyone's having the cheery, beautiful, spring-like daffodils. This year the boxes of flowers were stolen and the replacements were a poor second.

Thank you all for understanding. Your donations were no less appreciated. Special thanks to Maynard Forbes for donating the flowers for Milly Walsh to distribute. Also to new workers Carol Edelman, Anne Moulton and Vera Edelman, and to the Monterey General Store and the Mill River Store for distributing.

— Fran Amidon

PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Friedman**, son of **Judith Bach** of Hupi Road, who has been nominated for an Academy Award for his film *Common Threads*, a feature-length documentary about the AIDS quilt. How very exciting!

Nothing but rave reviews were heard about the performances of Monterey students who were in Mt. Everett's production of Cole Porter's musical *Anything Goes* on March 16 through 18. Congratulations to **Patrick McBride**, who played the role of Billy Crocker, to **Jen Brown**, who played the role of Reno Sweeney in two performances and Virtue in another, and to **Anne Marie Makuc**, who played Mrs. Wadsworth T. Harcourt, on a job very well done.

Vikki True of Fairview Road will be performing blues, jazz, and Broadway with John Sauer, at the Lion's Den in Stockbridge on Sunday evenings from 8 to 12, April 8, 15, and 22.

Vincent and **Leslie Scutellaro** of Mt. Hunger Road enjoyed a wonderful but all-too-short week at Isla Mujeres in Mexico, while children **Benjamin** and **Dinah** had a great visit with their grandparents.

Gige O'Connell returned looking tan and refreshed after a great time in St. Maarten with two of her daughters, **Adrienne** and **Lynne**, and two grandchildren, **Andrew**, 6, and **Josh**, 3. As Gige describes it, "We all survived wonderfully."

Welcome back to the **Mendel** family: **Mark** spent a shorter time, and now **Tracey**, **Julian** and **Bridget** have returned from a wonderful visit with Tracey's mom in Florida.

Hearty congratulations to **Kathleen Bradley**, a senior psychology major, who was named to the Dean's List at Salve Regina College in Rhode Island for the fall semester. Good job, Katy!

On January 1, 1990, **James T. Camp** was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Jim is the son of **Betsey W.** and the late **John T. Camp** of Elephant Rock Road.

Jim graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He has been stationed in Germany; Hawaii; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he taught at the Command and Staff School.

Jim married and lives at Fort Ord, California, with wife **Linda** and sons **Mark** and **James**.

And hearty congratulations to those Monterey students named to the Mt. Everett Regional School's honor roll list for the second quarter. They are: in Gr. 12, *High Honors*: **Natasha Grotz** and **Anne Makuc**; Gr. 11, *Honors*: **William Thieriot**; and Gr. 9, *High Honors*: **Marta Makuc**, and *Honors*: **Christopher Burkhart**. Also in Gr. 8, *High Honors*: **Erin Sadlowski** and **Meghan Sadlowski**; and *Honors*: **Rachel Rodgers** and, in Gr. 7, *Honors*: **Jason Farrenkopf**, **Paul Makuc** and **Erin Piretti**. It's great to see so many Monterey names — keep up the good work, all of you!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Jeremy Vallianos** on March 1, to **Anne Marie O'Connor** on March 8, to **Bob Gauthier** on March 10, to **Barbara Shea** on March 14, to **Tammy Jervas** on March 26, to **Carol Lewis** on March 30, to **Barbara Gauthier** and **Rose Salsitz** on March 31, to **Wendy Tryon** on April 1, to **Maynard Forbes** on April 2, to **Helen Shaw** on April 12, to **Ezra Small** on April 27, and to **Robert Logsdon** on April 29. Also, Happy Anniversary to **Maynard** and **Gale Forbes** on April 5.

— Stephanie Grotz

WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Tom Rosenthal

Tom Rosenthal is one of the Berkshires' best known photographers. To say that his life has been exciting would be an understatement. (His life would, in fact, make a great TV movie!) He's traveled around the world (on less than a shoe-string) and lived in exotic and far-flung places. But he's now settled down with his family in their house on Beartown Mountain Road. We discussed his "made-for-TV" life one morning over delicious homemade waffles.

Tom was born in Redding, Pennsylvania, but grew up on the North Shore of Long Island. After graduating from high school he attended the State University of New York at Buffalo as a pre-med. During his second year of college, however, something strange happened. He was supposed to take a two-week ski vacation in Austria. Instead, he was gone for a year and a half! "I just knew that I couldn't go back to Buffalo."

Some of Tom's recollections: "I remember riding with two Arabs in their brand-new Mercedes through Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Syria en route to Beirut. Then, selling my blood in Beirut to get boat fare (on a potato boat) to Cyprus." Tom also lived in a cave in Turkey—literally! It was carved in the side of a mountain by the ancient Romans. Outside he viewed palm trees and camel caravans. "It was then, living in that cave in Turkey, that I decided photography was the thing. I just had to find a way to capture all that I was seeing." Onward from Turkey to Israel where Tom spent the next six months working on various communal farms (*kibbutzim*) from the poorest ones to the most affluent. "I met a lot of foreigners, made a lot of friends, and spent six months fruit picking and chicken feathering."

In the early '70s Tom returned to the States to pursue his career in photography. Back in Buffalo he was his college's first independent major—studying photography, film and videotape. One of his more unusual courses, he remembers, "was called Guerilla Warfare, taught by the professor in a Frank Lloyd Wright house. We learned how to disarm tanks and so on; it was very strange." Tom graduated with a BA in visual arts and was, once again, faced with no job and no money.

To be successful in photography, New York City seemed the logical place to be. Tom worked in one of the city's first stock houses, and also landed jobs as freelance assistant to numerous famous fashion photographers. As he puts it, "The work was low pay but high learning."

It was also in New York (on a train) that Tom met (actually re-met) Ellen, his wife-to-be. As it turns out, they had gone to high school together in Long Island years before. "She was very beautiful, and quite a successful business executive. We became great friends and suddenly realized we were meant for each other." Guess what they do next.

Tom and Ellen decided to "sell everything we had and go to Europe." They traveled throughout Europe for a year in a van they bought on the street for \$400, selling Tom's photographs along the way. "We were then living on about \$400 a month!"

Landing in Vienna, they took an apartment, and Tom began getting major photo accounts. "Because of the stringent work restrictions, I was crediting all my work to my dog. Every

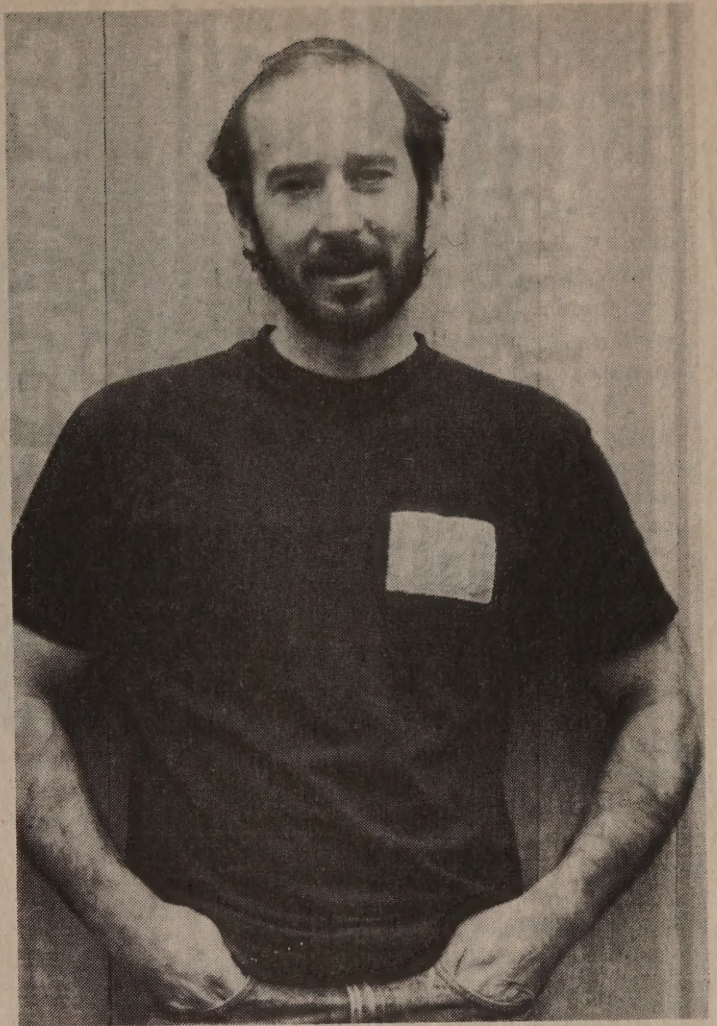


photo read, 'Photo: Tanya.'" Now making "plenty of money," they went to Greece, then back to New York.

Back in the Big Apple Tom and Ellen began taking weekend trips to Vermont, passing often through the Berkshires. They camped out many a weekend in Beartown. "We did the 'week-end circuit' for three or four years before we decided to build a weekend home here." When Ellen became pregnant, they made the decision to live here permanently and raise their family. Tom and Ellen have two beautiful children: Cody and Lucy. Ellen now manages Tom's thriving photography business, which includes clients such as Canyon Ranch and Butternut, as well as many commissioned works such as family and home portraits, weddings, and so on.

For someone who's made a career out of not staying in one place too long, Tom and his family seem curiously happy, content, and settled here in Monterey. "It's just about the best place to be," Tom says.

— Jim Laffey





Winners in Grange Cherry-bake contest in honor of Presidents' Day: Josephine Oransky, Patricia Holohan, Alice Shaffer, Tillie Butler, Mary Wallace, and Ann Vickerman.

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange No. 291 met on March 7 for its regular program. A Women's Activities Program Project and Contest for 1990 were outlined and a Variety Program followed.

The Grange will have an exhibit at the local post office for Grange Week, April 22 to April 28.

There will be a membership meeting on April 29 at the Pittsfield Grange.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

Any REGISTERED VOTER interested in having the warrants for Town Meetings mailed to his or her household: Send your name and mailing address on a *postcard* to Maryellen Brown, Town Offices, Monterey, MA 01245.

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— Maryellen Brown
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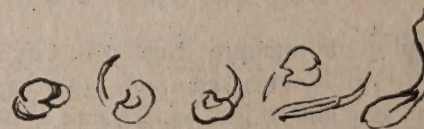
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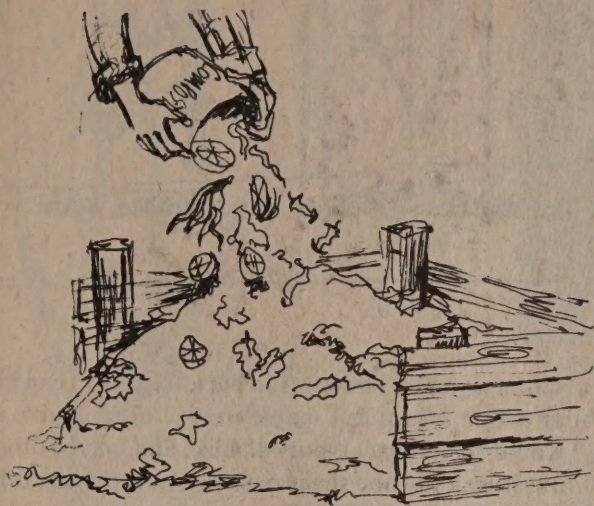


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MONTEREY WASTELINES

Monterey Cares about the Planet

Wendell Berry was speaking to the graduates of the College of the Atlantic in Maine last year, when he said that "the question that must be addressed . . . is not how to care for the planet, but how to care for each of the planet's millions of human and natural neighborhoods."

I think that Berry's simple statement is important for our town as we start to turn the corner from throwing away to recycling. Caring for the planet is too big an order. It's a job for presidents and kings. But caring for our own community is another matter—if we don't do it, who will? And if we throw trash on the road or mix it all up together, we will be taxed, and someone will have to be paid to pick it up or to sort it out. If you've climbed the ramp to the recycling bins, you know that Monterey citizens overwhelmingly care about our community. We've been recycling according to the letter for two months now, and we've had the first word from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) people that it looks great on their end, too.

Steve Ellis, DEP recycling coordinator of the Materials Reclamation Facility (MRF) in Springfield, spoke at a recent meeting of the regional planning commission in Pittsfield. He said that all of the systems at the MRF are now operating, and that the unusable portion of our loads is less than 1½%. (They had hoped to have no more than 5% unusable.) Ellis noted that the rates of recycled material are "amazing" and approach 45% of the total waste stream for many towns. People obviously want to recycle, Ellis said. The cities and towns of Berkshire County sent more than 1,000 tons of recyclable materials to the MRF in these first two months.

When I asked Steve Ellis what our town could do to improve recycling participation, he couldn't think of any problem areas. So all I can recommend is to rinse your cans (warm water is coming), keep the paper clean, and keep up the good work.

Keep the planet in your own good hands.

— Wayne Burkhart

USING CHEMICALS FOR POND WEED CONTROL

Landowners who are wishing to reduce or abolish nuisance vegetation in ponds or streams on private property should be aware of the following criteria regarding chemical methods:

1. Any application of a chemical herbicide, algicide or dye to a stream, vegetated wetland (swamp, marsh) or a pond which is larger than 10,000 square feet must first receive a permit from the Monterey Conservation Commission. A landowner thinking of making such an application should submit a Notice of Intent to the local Commission and receive an Order of Conditions for doing the work.
2. If the pond to be treated chemically has an outlet, the landowner must also apply for a License to Apply Chemicals to the Division of Water Pollution Control, Technical Services Branch, Lyman School, Westborough, MA 01581 (forms available in the Monterey Town Offices).
3. If the chemical to be applied is on the restricted list published by the Commonwealth, then the work must be done by an applicator licensed by the Commonwealth.

Herbicides and algaecides available commercially or through mail order companies often do not have requirements for these permits written in along with instructions for use. Local outlets selling the chemicals are sometimes not aware of local and state requirements. It is up to the responsible landowner to apply for the necessary permits.

Fines for unauthorized use of chemicals in local waterbodies can be pretty steep. The price to be paid by one's neighbors downstream can be even higher. For instance, an algicide called "Aquazine," available to be purchased locally, has use restrictions written on its label which include no watering of domestic animals, no irrigating of crops, no spraying of non-target organisms and no human consumption of water treated with Aquazine for *twelve months* following its use in a body of water. If the people downstream of a pond treated with Aquazine aren't aware of possible bad effects, there could be unfortunate consequences. A landowner who applies a chemical without paying careful attention to permit requirements or use restrictions may be endangering himself, his family and his neighbors, and he is violating the Wetlands Protection Act.

Other means of weed control in private ponds, such as draw-down, weed harvesting, plastic mulches and the like, will also require a permit from the Monterey Conservation Commission.

— Ellen Pearson

Priscilla L. Gulliver, M.S.

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SYRUP SEASON: KINDER, GENTLER TAPPING

We tapped out on Valentine's Day. It seems hard to remember now, that sunny spring-like day up in the pasture, the children cavorting with the pony and the goats. We all shed our hats and mittens and jackets, and I got pretty steamed up drilling the tap holes with our ancestral brace and bit. A few turns and the sap came spurting out. When I pulled out the bit and cleaned the hole of sawdust with a green twig, I got splashed in the face a few times.

Up until the last minute we were back and forth as to whether we were really going to make syrup this year or not. For many years we've had a cash crop of it, significant on our scale of income; but like a lot of people, we held off last year because of the poor summer the trees had had in 1988. Some said the leaves were eaten up by thrips, though that certainly was not the case with our maples. They just got dry around the edges, brown and splotchy here and there, and fell off early. We'd been watching the quality of maple sap go down and down over the past five years, so we figured it would not help us or the trees to tap off any sugar last year.

But then this past summer the trees looked pretty good. We bought some bottles, stacked up wood at the sugar house and took a few orders. Even though we felt that maple sugaring was essentially on its way to becoming terminally historic, meaning extinct, we thought we'd give it one more year. We like the work and we like the income.

Then along came the crazy weather, the February thaw, and we found ourselves out frolicking on Valentine's Day, fooling around with a "family use only" set-up once again. I built a fire-place in the driveway and we scrounged up two rusty old pans. One is the vessel we used ages ago for washing rocks before dropping them into the wet concrete of our foundation. I can't believe we've saved it all this time.

So what's the story? How come we didn't crank holes into every conceivable sap-producing trunk in the neighborhood the way we used to? What are we doing with a backyard sugaring outfit when we have known the thrill of the full-blown factory—the fabulous roaring boil, the steambath, the smell, and the danger, also the money rolling in.

The answer is, we think the sugar maples are dying, and we don't want to hurry them any. Maybe if they can just hold out a few more years, a cure will be found for acid rain. I'm pessimistic, though, because I don't know if you can find a cure until you identify the virus or the bacterium, and so far the "doctors" are being reluctant to name names. Of course they have to consider the big picture, which includes everything from "sufficient data" to government sources of research grants. But you know that old joke about how many psychiatrists it takes to change the light-bulb. The answer is, "One. But the light-bulb has to want to change."

What does it take for a nation to want to change the acidity of its rain? I don't know yet. Obviously the aquatic plants and animals of 180 Adirondack lakes didn't matter enough, and neither do the sugar maples or the people who make maple syrup. Salamanders and loons are nice, you know, but when compared with actual dollar-type profits, nice just doesn't cut it. Maple syrup is also nice, and the sugar maples themselves have been familiar fixtures around here for some time.

It's hard to figure out what you can do without, whether you



are a nation or just a person. As a person I know I can make it without maple syrup. But maple *trees*, I don't know. Okay, yes, I would be depressed, but still alive and maybe otherwise well. But it isn't just the sugar maples that are dying off from the effects of acid rain. As a person and as a nation, I know I can't live without trees. They say my car is poisoning the air. Do I have to choose between my car and the trees? Or electricity and the trees? If I stay home and turn out the lights can I have the trees back? I wouldn't even ask for syrup, just trees.

If this sounds confused, or even pathetic, maybe you can chalk it up to midlife crisis. Here's a person who can't figure out whether or not to make maple syrup any more. But who's having the crisis? Me or the maples? The nation or the planet? I haven't quit driving my car, but at least I did change the light-bulb. I got one of those new fluorescent ones that uses less electricity than the old incandescent type and kills fewer trees. I did this all by myself without any psychiatrists at all.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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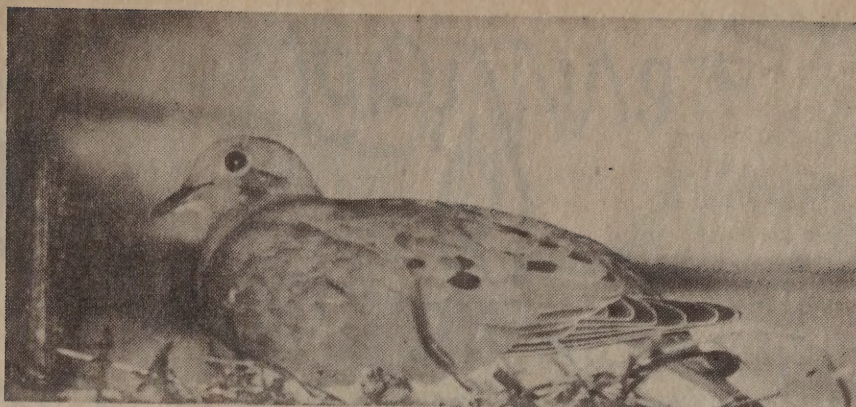


GONE FROM THE POND

*Today the spongy ice is gone from the pond;
The water's burnished black, unblemished jet,
And last night's snow, high contrast, serves to set
This jewel in the woods as though to stay.*

*But snow is transient, now, it's soft and wet;
It may be gone tomorrow when I come.
Though still the trees are motionless and dumb,
The spring is here, unfolding cool and slow.*

— David McAllester



Mourning dove on nest

ELEANOR KIMBERLEY

NOCTURNAL CHORUS

*Wee peepers' voices loud and shrill,
Undaunted by the night owl's scream,
Are vying with a whip-poor-will.
A woodcock's "zeep" beats out the time.
Tree toads inflate their tiny throats
And fireflies dance from dusk 'til light
While bullfrogs with their bongo drums
Join in the chorus of the night.*

— Eleanor Kimberley



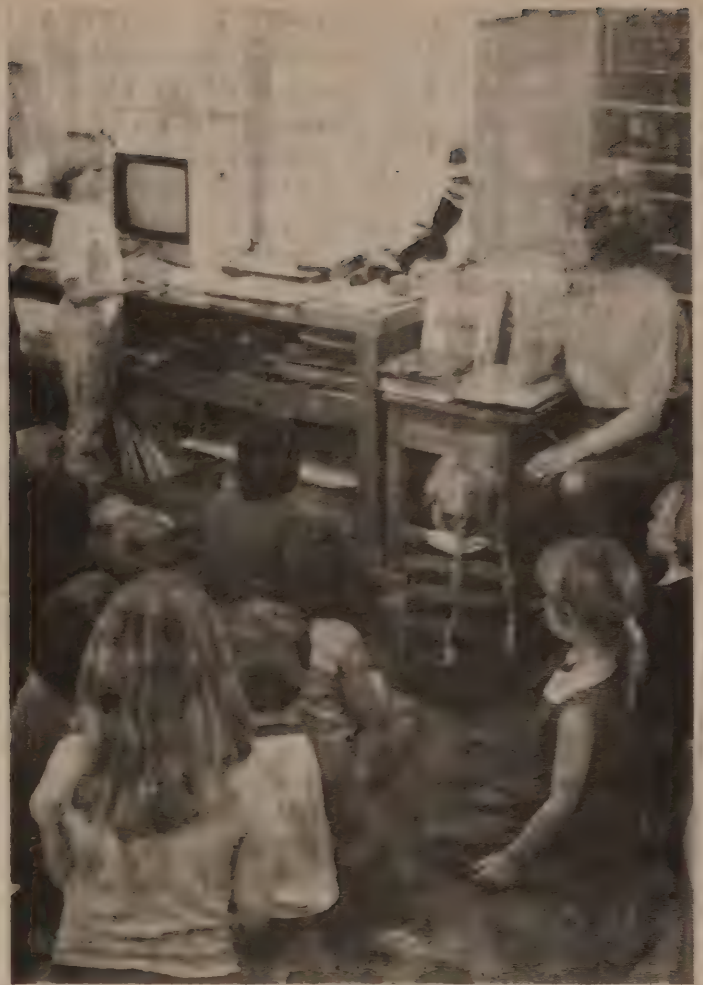
Baby grey squirrels in nest

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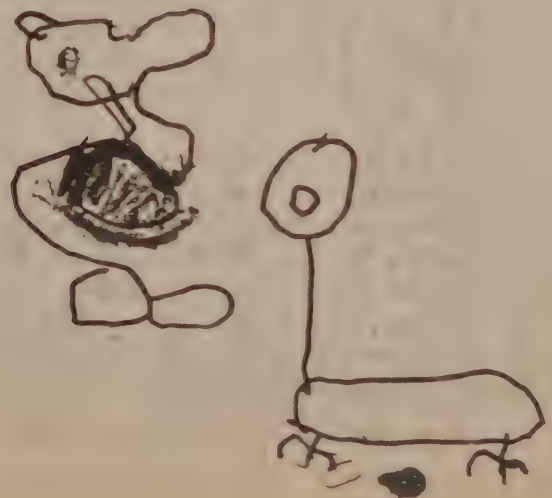


Class of 1990, front row: Jennifer Rood, Tim Guartha, Abby Childs, Eric Walsh; middle row: Pinchi (Porfirio) Muñoz, Justin LaVigne, Tyson Whaley-Wool, Merina Andersen, Brett Parson; back row: Roy Wilkinson, Mark Macchi, Andi (Andrea) Parks, Joshua Sigsworth, Greg Bachetti. Not present: Merrit Boiboix-Jeffries.



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LAND TRUST NEWS

In March I was one of 120 landowners who attended an estate planning seminar in Pittsfield sponsored by Farm Family Life Insurance Co., based in Albany. The attendees were mostly all farmers with the desire to keep their land actively farmed. The inflation of land prices in the past 15 years along with the tax law changes resulting in high inheritance taxes has made it almost impossible for farms to be passed along to the next generation intact. The inheritors are forced to sell just to pay the state and federal estate taxes.

Life insurance is one way to pay estate taxes. You must be healthy to be eligible, and the premiums get higher the older you are. Also, with the inflation of land values many people now find they do not have enough coverage to cover the new higher taxes.

Annual gifts of property to your intended heirs will reduce the value of your estate. Only so much can be given in a tax year, but over the years this will result in a lowering of your estate value. Also, the *well-planned* gift or sale of some (not all) development rights (a conservation easement—see article below) will reduce the value of your estate and can have significant tax advantages.

Farms cannot function as farms if they continually get split up as they pass from generation to generation. The state and federal governments must be blind to think we can supply food to the hungry of this world when their taxes force us to develop our agricultural lands. It is self-evident that we farmers don't produce enough family income to absorb these estate taxes. We never did and probably never will. Some modification in the estate tax laws to avoid the breakup of the family farm is needed and justifiable. The trade-off is that we will always have a plentiful supply of food at a reasonable cost. How can you beat that?

There was a good article by Andree Brooks in the February 11 *New York Times* about easements. Here are some excerpts:

"Eager to preserve their pristine land in its natural state a growing number of property owners are exploring a technique known as a 'conservation easement.'"

"This is an irrevocable development restriction on a parcel—say 50 acres of waterfront wilderness that might accompany a summer home in Maine or 100 acres of hilly woodland in the Berkshires—that gives a government agency or a nonprofit holding company, such as a land trust, the right to regulate or prohibit changes in perpetuity. Like most easements, it remains in force regardless of any change in ownership or zoning. It also offers major estate planning and current tax benefits.

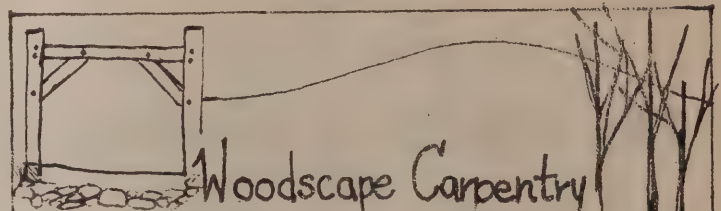
"Stephen J. Small, a Boston tax lawyer said . . . a prime catalyst has been the soaring value of raw land . . . when the owner of the appreciated property dies, the heirs often have had to sell to cover estate taxes. . . . Some landowners are motivated by a love of the land accompanied by a growing awareness that government alone cannot assure conservation. 'It's up to the individual, too,' said Mr. Small, 'and the way to control what happens to your own backyard.'"

(Note: More of this article will be reprinted next month. Stephen Small is a consultant to the Monterey Preservation Land Trust.)



White-tailed fawn

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MONTEREY ARTS COUNCIL'S SUMMER FESTIVAL 1990

Wait 'til you hear what's happening! Friday, July 13, there'll be a Folk Concert featuring Monterey musicians and singers at 7:30 p.m., under a tent in Greene Park. That's if we get a tent and the weather's with us. Otherwise, it'll be in the church. John Humphrey is organizing this concert.

Saturday, July 14, starts off with Monterey's Road Race, Bob Gauthier's annual event. When that's almost over, the "Carnival of the Animals" begins—our parade! Kids of *all* ages are invited to join in with their live pets, their stuffed animals and/or wearing an animal costume (the humans and/or the pets). It will be, once again, the world's most wacky, weird, wonderful parade. Ellen Pearson is the parade coordinator.

The parade will end up in Greene Park, where the animal contests will be held every 15 minutes, with Beverly Zinn coordinating. The contests will feature the skinniest, the fuzziest, the greenest, the stripedest, etc., etc., etc. And there will be food, which is Milly Walsh's domain.

Up at the pavilion, there'll be arts and crafts and Town committees and vendors, which Donna Bartell is arranging. Plus more food. And Ed Mann from Camp Half Moon is sending six counselors over for the day to coordinate games for all ages. The Park Commission will have cleared a path from the back of the pavilion to Greene Park so there'll be easy, *safe* access back and forth!

There's a fantastic T-shirt for this festival which will be available beginning Memorial Day Weekend. Joel Schick designed it, and it even has something from the Shaker Manifesto of 1882. There will be something for everyone. How do you want to help? Be a judge at the animal contests? Bring buckets of water for the animals? Sell T-shirts? Make food? Help set up? Help clean up? Put up posters? Let us know, please. And thanks.

The next Monterey Summer Festival meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church basement. All are welcome.

— Donna Bartell

CHANGES IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

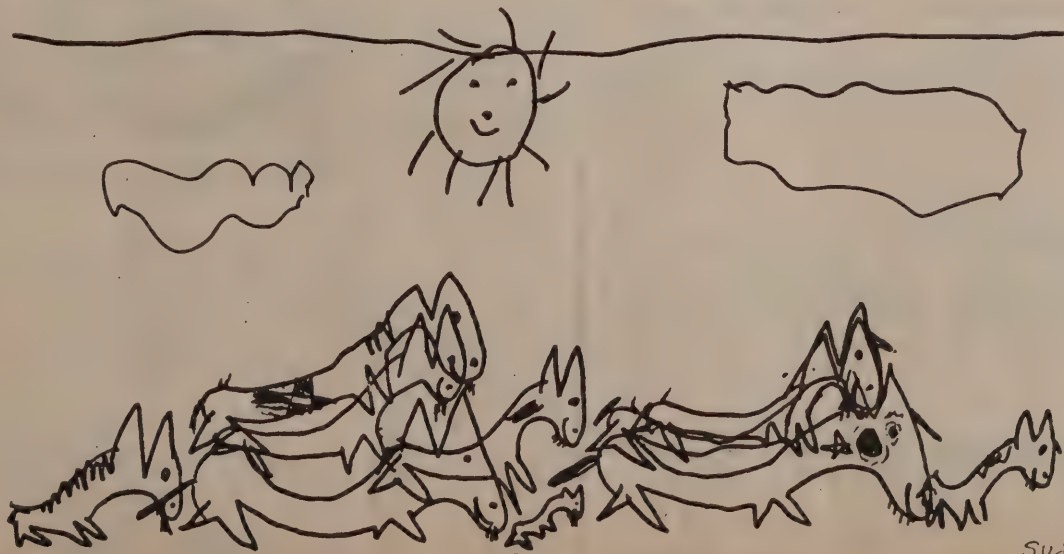
The Monterey Board of Selectmen met with members of the Sheffield American Legion on Monday, March 19, to discuss changes that will occur at the annual Memorial Day parade. Members of the American Legion Post 340, led by commander Mark Bachetti, told the Board that it is no longer possible for the members of the Legion to participate in four parades on Memorial Day. They asked that Monterey begin to phase out their participation in our parade. They will take part as usual this year but will not do so in 1991. Each year the Legion members march in Ashley Falls, Sheffield, New Marlborough and wind up in Monterey, where all the parade participants are treated to a hot dog and soda lunch. The members of the delegation stated that it is getting to be too much for them to be in so many parades.

The Legion members who were present at the meeting were James Small, Milton Barnum and Commander Bachetti. They were joined by Veterans' Agent Arnold Hayes, who will help the selectmen try to locate local Monterey veterans who wish to participate in the parade. The selectmen are asking that any interested veterans, particularly from the Korean and Vietnam wars, contact them at the Town offices. Bachetti said that it would be helpful if any interested veterans were to volunteer to march this year so that it would be an easy transition for the 1991 parade.

The selectmen thanked the Legion members for coming and giving them enough time to make preparations for the change. The Board also thanked them for their dedication and participation in the parade over many, many years.

Arnold Hayes also asked the selectmen to see that the Monterey Veterans Honor Roll is put up on Town property before Memorial Day. Last year there was talk of collecting money to create a new memorial. If you are a veteran and are interested in plans for the parade or the memorial, you may also contact Arnie Hayes at his office (528-1580) or at home (528-1874 and 528-2074).

— Gige O'Connell
Monterey Board of Selectmen



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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Our Parent Child Playgroup program depends on local support for funds. Two events are being planned to help defray expenses: our Annual Bike-a-thon on May 6—please save the date. More information will be forthcoming next month. Wendy Jensen will be leading a bead-making workshop on April 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Children's Health Program, 54 Castle Street, Great Barrington. The beads will be used to make necklace and earring sets to be sold during the fall. Please join us if you can.

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for April 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Youth Center on Bridge Street, Great Barrington. We hope the Easter Bunny will make an appearance. Please join us.

Several parents have asked about CPR training for children aged infant to eight. Training will be held in two sessions, on April 16 and April 23 at the office of Doctors Tresp and Hech in Great Barrington from 7 to 10 p.m. Please call 528-9170 to register and obtain more information.

We were very pleased with the interest in the Active Parenting course. Our group has begun the six sessions and is closed. We are accepting new applicants for the next six sessions. We are also willing to travel to outlying towns to teach the course. We need a group of six to ten people in order to offer the course. Please call 528-9311 if you are interested.

Thank you for your help.

— Claudette Callahan



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TOWN REPUBLICAN NEWS

On March 17, Monterey Republicans held their caucus for the upcoming local elections at the Annual Town Meeting on May 5. In the only contest for a Republican nomination, Leroy Thorpe defeated Maggie Leonard for the Planning Board seat being vacated by Barbara Tryon. Honored guests at the caucus included Jane Swift, who is currently running for state senator after garnering Peter Webber's endorsement, and Bruce Hull, from one of the oldest political families in the area, who is challenging Representative Chris Hodgkins. After the candidates had a question-and-answer session, a report on the March 10 convention was given by Mark Makuc. The delegation brought back this year's slogan, "Common Sense for the Commonwealth." The Berkshire delegation, the second largest attending, had front row seats and was in the middle of all of the various demonstrations. House Minority Leader Steve Pierce from nearby Westfield won the nomination for governor on the first ballot by a decisive margin, as did Rep. Peter Torkildsen on the second ballot for lieutenant governor. In the upset of the day, the rank and file, including the Monterey delegation, endorsed Dan Daly over Jim Rappaport, who had been backed by most of the State Committee's members, including Berkshire County's David Chivers and Marilyn Head.

— Mark Makuc
 Republican Town Committee Chairman


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NOTICE: SPRING TEST PERIOD LENGTHENED

The spring test period for percolation tests and deep observation holes will be March 1 to May 31, 1990. This decision was taken by the Board of Health on February 26, 1990.

In accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Code, Title 5, 310 CMR 15.03(4)(c), testing in the early part of the period will depend on the weather, since percolation tests may not be made in frozen soil.

All those wishing to have holes and tests witnessed, pursuant to 310 CMR 15.03(1), should contact Monterey's Sanitary Inspector, Peter J. Kolodziej (phone: 243-2100), not less than 72 hours (three days) prior to the time and date proposed for making the holes and tests. In case of emergencies or highly unusual circumstances, it may be possible to arrange witnessing on shorter notice. Final determination of a convenient date and time will be a matter of mutual agreement and may well be more than 72 hours from the time of contact.

Matt O. Williams, Chairman
Rick Mielke
Georgiana C. O'Connell
MONTEREY BOARD OF HEALTH



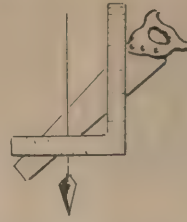
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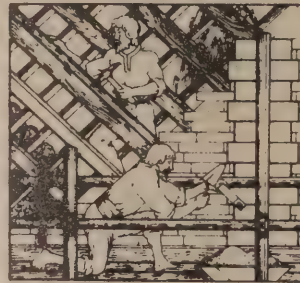
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BOARD OF HEALTH HEARING ON PRIVATE WELLS

On April 9, 1990, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall there will be a public hearing conducted by the Board of Health to discuss and enact private well regulations. This is in conjunction with fourteen other small Berkshire towns who are also setting these standards.

The purpose of the regulations is to insure that new private wells supply safe drinking water and protect the town's ground-water resources.

The regulations are controversial in certain areas and as such need to be discussed. For example, the following are the minimum lateral distances the well is to be from each listed source of contamination:

Source of Contamination	Minimum Lateral Distances
Subsurface sewage disposal field (leaching facility, in use, abandoned or reserve area)	150 feet
Cesspool, seepage pit	150 feet
Septic tank	100 feet
Sewer lines (water tight joints)	50 feet
Property line	30 feet
Public way	50 feet
Driveways	20 feet
Underground fuel storage tanks	200 feet
Utility rights-of-way	100 feet
Stables, barnyards, manure piles, manure storage tanks, feedlots	150 feet

Furthermore, the regulations set minimum chemical and bacteriological analyses as follows:

Item	Standard
Coliform bacteria	none detected
Sodium (Na)	20 mg/l
Chloride (Cl)	250 mg/l
Nitrate nitrogen (N)	10 mg/l
Nitrate nitrogen	0.001 mg/l
Total dissolved solids	500 mg/l
Iron (Fe)	0.3 mg/l
Manganese (Mn)	0.05 mg/l
pH	6.5-8.5
Total hardness	180 mg/l

Along with this, the regulations address well decommissioning standards, well construction standards, and water quantity standards.

It is felt by the Board of Health that it is imperative from a public health standpoint that standards be adopted to govern private wells, since this is the major source of drinking water in our town.

The Board also feels that it wants to enact standards that are logical, fair, healthy and meet with a general consensus.

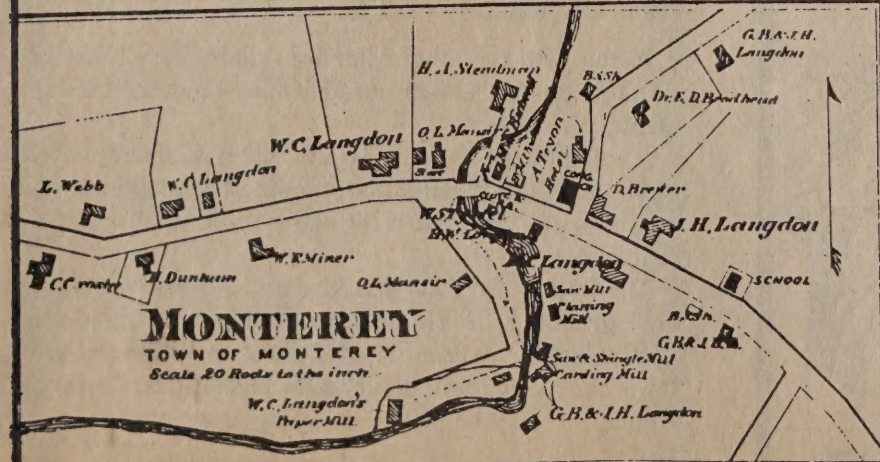
That is why we encourage everyone to attend this hearing so we can receive your input on the regulations. Copies of the regulations may be picked up at the Town Hall.

—Matt Williams
Chairman, Board of Health

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COMMUNITY SUPPER PROGRAM

At the Community Supper on Wednesday, April 11, the program will be, "Which Came First, the Artists or the Road?" a slide show and taped conversations about artists and history on Art School and Mt. Hunger Roads.

Ellen Pearson will present a revised version of a presentation put together five years ago for an ambitious Monterey Day which attempted to celebrate both the art and the history of the town in one weekend.

In her show of slides accompanied by interviews of townspeople, Ellen was determined to make some sense of the fact that, during the past 90 years, on one of the original roads into Monterey, leading to the original Town Center, resided not only a succession of noteworthy artists and writers but also a thriving School of Art. She never succeeded in making sense of *anything*, but she collected an assortment of lively images, including scenes from the salad days of the Summer School of Art, as well as reminiscences about the artists and the history of Monterey by Wallace Tryon, Sally Fijux, Edith Wilson, the late Jim Pearson, Dean Ensign, Alice Hanlon, and Helen Shaw.

Featured artists include Kalman Oswald, Jay van Everen, Marjorie Mansfield, Ernest Watson, Michael Marcus, and the unsung heroes and heroines of the Summer School of Art.

Come and listen to your knowledgeable neighbors talk about the days when the Tea Room was buzzing and Marjorie Mansfield danced in the moonlight.

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— Joe Baker

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 3—Prayer Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen. All are welcome.

Monday, April 9—Board of Health hearing on private wells, at the Town Hall, 7:00 p.m. See article in this issue of the *News*.

Tuesday, April 10—Summer Festival Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Church basement. See more about the plans elsewhere in this issue.

Wednesday, April 11—Community Supper. Bring your own delicious covered dish and sample those of your neighbors. The program will be Ellen Pearson with slides and tapes on the history of Art School Road.

Wednesday, April 11—Arts Council meeting at 7:30 at Donna Bartell's home. For information call 528-5874. Note change of date.

Saturday, April 14—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Thursday, April 19—Friends of Silence meditation, at 7:30 a.m. at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen. All are welcome.

Friday, April 20—Public hearing on the Planning Board's proposed by-law amendment. 7:30 p.m. in Town offices: see elsewhere in this issue of the *News* for fuller notice on stream and pond protection.

Saturday, April 28—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange. This program is for people who have done it before. For other details see above under April 14.

March 1 to May 31—Test period for percolation tests and deep observation holes. See notice in this issue from the Board of Health.

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Anyone who is interested is invited to get in touch with any member of the Advisory Board: Ellen Pearson, president; David P. McAllester, editor; Barbara Gauthier, treasurer; Elk Dempsey; Bonner McAllester; Susan McAllester; Peter Murkett; Edith Wilson.

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